

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 10 line 16 with:

“The support 16 comprises longitudinally distanced support parts 17, 18 to respectively support the base part 12A and tip part 12B of the carrier 12, integrally longitudinally linked by a flexible plastics material link 19 (overall) in the form of thin plastics material ribs ~~19A, 19B, 19C~~ 19 extending generally longitudinally.”

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 10, line 29 with:

“The side surfaces ~~12C, 12D~~ of the carrier 12 longitudinally between the supported parts 12A, 12B of the carrier 12 are left unsupported by the carrier, as is more clearly seen in the cross section Fig. 3.”

Please replace the sentences beginning on page 11, line 29 with:

“In this toothbrush however the flexible bristle carrier ~~21~~ comprises plural plastics material segments 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D. The carrier ~~21~~ is divided both along and widthways across their longitudinal direction by flexible links 22 aligned across head 20, and links 23 aligned longitudinally, and which comprise a filling of an elastomer material between the segments 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D, and which allow the carrier to be flexible such that it can deform under the forces of toothbrushing so that both its longitudinal and widthways section become distorted.”

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 11, line 22 with:

“The support parts 17, 18 are also defined cavities 113 in which the pad ~~46~~ 12 sits, the sides 114 of the cavities 113 providing an area for bonding between the elastomer material of the pad ~~46~~ 12 and plastics material.”

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 12, line 10 with:

“The support 16 comprises a link 19 which is flexible analogously to the link 19 of Figs 1 – 8 and can bend and twist analogously to that link to allow deformation of the carrier ~~20~~.”

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 13, line 6 with:

“A part 613 of each of the links 69, 610 longitudinally between support points 611, 612 arches away in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction L - - L from the back surface 66 of the pad 64 in a direction opposite to the bristle direction, to leave a void 614 between the back surface 66 and the part ~~614~~ 613 of frame 68.”

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 13, line 18 with:

“In Fig. 15 the resilient flexible deformation of the two links 69, 610 as part ~~614~~ twists about a twist axis generally parallel to the longitudinal direction L - - L is shown.”